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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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A. Elections and appointments

63/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixty-third session consisting of the following Member States: BOTSWANA, CHINA, CYPRUS, LUXEMBOURG, MEXICO, MOZAMBIQUE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

63/402. Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 9 October 2008, the General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General[1] which was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1837 (2008) of 29 September 2008 that:

(*a*) The term of office of the following permanent judges at the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 who were members of the Appeals Chamber be extended until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases before the Appeals Chamber if sooner:

Mr. LIU Daqun (China)
Mr. Theodor MERON (United States of America)
Mr. Fausto POCAR (Italy)
Mr. Mohamed SHAHABUDDEEN (Guyana)

(*b*) The term of office of the following permanent judges at the Tribunal who were members of the Trial Chambers be extended until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of the cases to which they were assigned if sooner:

Mr. Carmel A. AGIUS (Malta)
Mr. Jean-Claude ANTONETTI (France)
Mr. Iain BONOMY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Christoph FLÜGGE (Germany)[2]
Mr. O-gon KWON (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Bakone Melema MOLOTO (South Africa)
Mr. Alphonsus Martinus Maria ORIE (Netherlands)
Mr. Kevin Horace PARKER (Australia)
Mr. Patrick Lipton ROBINSON (Jamaica)
Ms. Christine VAN DEN WYNGAERT (Belgium)

(*c*) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, currently serving at the Tribunal, be extended until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of the cases to which they were assigned if sooner:

Mr. Ali Nawaz CHOWHAN (Pakistan)
Mr. Pedro DAVID (Argentina)
Ms. Elizabeth GWAUNZA (Zimbabwe)
Mr. Frederik HARHOFF (Denmark)
Ms. Tsvetana KAMENOVA (Bulgaria)

[1] See A/63/458-S/2008/621.

[2] Mr. Flügge was appointed with effect from 18 November 2008.

Mr. Uldis KINIS (Latvia)
Ms. Flavia LATTANZI (Italy)
Mr. Antoine MINDUA (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Ms. Janet NOSWORTHY (Jamaica)
Ms. Michèle PICARD (France)
Mr. Árpád PRANDLER (Hungary)
Ms. Kimberly PROST (Canada)
Mr. Ole Bjørn STØLE (Norway)
Mr. Stefan TRECHSEL (Switzerland)

(*d*) The term of office of the following ad litem judges, who were not currently appointed to serve at the Tribunal, be extended until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of any cases to which they might be assigned if sooner:

Mr. Melville BAIRD (Trinidad and Tobago)
Mr. Frans BAUDUIN (Netherlands)
Mr. Burton HALL (Bahamas)
Mr. Frank HÖPFEL (Austria)
Mr. Raimo LAHTI (Finland)
Mr. Jawdat NABOTY (Syrian Arab Republic)
Ms. Chioma Egondu NWOSU-IHEME (Nigeria)
Ms. Prisca Matimba NYAMBE (Zambia)
Mr. Brynmor POLLARD (Guyana)
Ms. Vonimbolana RASOAZANANY (Madagascar)
Mr. Krister THELIN (Sweden)
Mr. Klaus TOLKSDORF (Germany)
Tan Sri Dato' Lamin bin Haji Mohd YUNUS (Malaysia)

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of Judge Christoph FLÜGGE (Germany) to the Tribunal for the remainder of the term of office of Judge Wolfgang SCHOMBURG (Germany).[3]

63/403. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 17 October 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected AUSTRIA, JAPAN, MEXICO, TURKEY and UGANDA as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BELGIUM, INDONESIA, ITALY, PANAMA and SOUTH AFRICA.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: AUSTRIA,** BURKINA FASO,* CHINA, COSTA RICA,* CROATIA,* FRANCE, JAPAN,** LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,* MEXICO,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TURKEY,** UGANDA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VIET NAM.*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

63/404. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the

[3] See A/63/548.

Assembly, elected NORWAY as a member of the Economic and Social Council beginning on 1 January 2009, for the remainder of the term of office of ICELAND.[4]

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected CÔTE D'IVOIRE, ESTONIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA-BISSAU, INDIA, JAPAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NAMIBIA, PERU, PORTUGAL, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAUDI ARABIA and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ANGOLA, AUSTRIA, BENIN, CUBA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, FRANCE, GREECE, GUINEA-BISSAU, GUYANA, HAITI, JAPAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, MADAGASCAR, MAURITANIA, PARAGUAY, PORTUGAL, SAUDI ARABIA and SRI LANKA.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ALGERIA,* BARBADOS,* BELARUS,* BOLIVIA,* BRAZIL,** CAMEROON,** CANADA,* CAPE VERDE,* CHINA,** CONGO,** CÔTE D'IVOIRE,*** EL SALVADOR,* ESTONIA,*** FRANCE,*** GERMANY,*** GREECE,*** GUATEMALA,*** GUINEA-BISSAU,*** INDIA,*** INDONESIA,* IRAQ,* JAPAN,** KAZAKHSTAN,* LIECHTENSTEIN,*** LUXEMBOURG,* MALAWI,* MALAYSIA,** MAURITIUS,*** MOROCCO,*** MOZAMBIQUE,** NAMIBIA,*** NETHERLANDS,* NEW ZEALAND,** NIGER,** NORWAY,** PAKISTAN,** PERU,*** PHILIPPINES,* POLAND,** PORTUGAL,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,** ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS,*** SAINT LUCIA,** SAUDI ARABIA,*** SOMALIA,* SUDAN,* SWEDEN,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* URUGUAY** and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

63/405. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 27 October 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the Chairmen of the regional groups concerned, of the CONGO, FRANCE, MALAYSIA, MOZAMBIQUE, the PHILIPPINES and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009, to fill six of the seven vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BURUNDI, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, LESOTHO, MALAYSIA, the PHILIPPINES and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION.[5]

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty Member States:[5] ARGENTINA,** AUSTRIA,** BELARUS,* CHINA,** CONGO,*** FRANCE,*** GERMANY,* GRENADA,* HONDURAS,* JAPAN,** KENYA,** MALAYSIA,*** MOZAMBIQUE,*** NIGERIA,* PHILIPPINES,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SENEGAL,* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,* TUNISIA** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

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[4] See A/63/493.

[5] One vacancy remains to be filled from Latin American and Caribbean States, for a member whose term of office would begin on the date of appointment and expire on 31 December 2011.

63/406. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 39th and 40th plenary meetings, on 6 November 2008, and the Security Council, at its 6011th and 6012th meetings, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, five members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2009 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Ronny Abraham (France), Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar).

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Ronny Abraham (France), Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade (Brazil), Mr. Christopher Greenwood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia) were elected as members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2009.

As a result, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. Ronny ABRAHAM (*France*),*** Mr. Awn Shawkat AL-KHASAWNEH (*Jordan*),*** Mr. Mohamed BENNOUNA (*Morocco*),** Mr. Thomas BUERGENTHAL (*United States of America*),** Mr. Antônio Augusto CANÇADO TRINDADE (*Brazil*),*** Mr. Christopher GREENWOOD (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Kenneth KEITH (*New Zealand*),** Mr. Abdul G. KOROMA (*Sierra Leone*),* Mr. Hisashi OWADA (*Japan*),* Mr. Bernardo SEPULVEDA AMOR (*Mexico*),** Mr. SHI Jiuyong (*China*),* Mr. Bruno SIMMA (*Germany*),* Mr. Leonid SKOTNIKOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Peter TOMKA (*Slovakia*)* and Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF (*Somalia*).***

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* Term of office expires on 5 February 2012.

** Term of office expires on 5 February 2015.

*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2018.

63/407. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009: Ms. Aïcha Afifi, Ms. Renata Archini, Mr. Vladimir A. Iosifov, Ms. Susan M. McLurg and Mr. Alejandro Torres Lépori.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),* Ms. Aïcha AFIFI (*Morocco*),*** Ms. Renata ARCHINI (*Italy*),*** Mr. Jorge FLORES CALLEJAS (*Honduras*),** Mr. Imtiaz HUSSAIN (*Pakistan*),** Mr. Vladimir A. IOSIFOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Ms. Misako KAJI (*Japan*),** Mr. Collen V. KELAPILE (*Botswana*),* Mr. Jerry KRAMER (*Canada*),** Mr. Peter MADDENS (*Belgium*),** Ms. Susan M. MCLURG (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Stafford NEIL (*Jamaica*),* Mr. Nagesh SINGH (*India*),** Mr. Mohammad Mustafa TAL (*Jordan*),* Mr. Alejandro TORRES LÉPORI (*Argentina*)*** and Ms. Nonye UDO (*Nigeria*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

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[6] A/63/528, para. 6.

63/408. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009: Mr. Vyacheslav A. Logutov, Mr. Richard Moon, Mr. Hae-yun Park, Mr. Thomas Thomma, Mr. Courtney H. Williams and Mr. Wu Gang.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Joseph ACAKPO-SATCHIVI (*Benin*),** Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),* Mr. Meshal AL-MANSOUR (*Kuwait*),* Mr. Abdelmalek BOUHEDDOU (*Algeria*),** Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),* Mr. Gordon ECKERSLEY (*Australia*),** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER DEL HOYO (*Uruguay*),** Mr. Luis Mariano HERMOSILLO SOSA (*Mexico*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),* Mr. Vyacheslav A. LOGUTOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Ms. Gobona Susan MAPITSE (*Botswana*),* Mr. Richard MOON (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),*** Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),** Ms. Lisa P. SPRATT (*United States of America*),* Mr. Thomas THOMMA (*Germany*),*** Mr. Courtney H. WILLIAMS (*Jamaica*)*** and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

63/409. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] confirmed the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Masakazu Arikawa, Mr. Madhav Dhar and Mr. Nemir A. Kirdar as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 and the appointment of Ms. Linah K. Mohohlo for the remainder of the term of office of Mr. Khaya Ngqula, beginning on 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Masakazu ARIKAWA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Emilio J. CÁRDENAS (*Argentina*),* Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),* Mr. Madhav DHAR (*India*),*** Mr. Achim KASSOW (*Germany*),** Mr. Nemir A. KIRDAR (*Iraq*),*** Mr. William J. MCDONOUGH (*United States of America*),** Ms. Linah K. MOHOHLO (*Botswana*)* and Ms. Hélène PLOIX (*France*).**

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] reappointed Mr. Ivan PICTET (*Switzerland*) as an ad hoc member for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 and appointed Mr. Simon JIANG (*China*) as an ad hoc member for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 to replace Ms. Afsaneh BESCHLOSS (*Islamic Republic of Iran*).

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

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[7] A/63/529, para. 4.

[8] A/63/530, para. 5.

[9] Ibid., para. 6.

63/410. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009: Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha, Mr. Shamsher M. Chowdhury, Mr. Vladimir Morozov, Mr. Wang Xiaochu and Mr. El Hassane Zahid.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Kingston Papie RHODES (*Sierra Leone*),** Chairman; Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*),* Vice-Chairman; Mr. Daasebre Oti BOATENG (*Ghana*),** Mr. Fatih BOUAYAD-AGHA (*Algeria*),*** Mr. Shamsher M. CHOWDHURY (*Bangladesh*),*** Mr. Minoru ENDO (*Japan*),* Mr. Guillermo Enrique GONZÁLEZ (*Argentina*),** Mr. Vladimir MOROZOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Gilberto PARANHOS VELLOSO (*Brazil*),* Ms. Anita SZLAZAK (*Canada*),** Mr. Gian Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*),* Mr. WANG Xiaochu (*China*),*** Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*)** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2012.

63/411. Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[11] appointed the following persons as members or alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009: Ms. Valeria María GONZÁLEZ POSSE (*Argentina*), Mr. Andrei V. KOVALENKO (*Russian Federation*), Mr. Gerhard KÜNTZLE (*Germany*), Mr. Lovemore MAZEMO (*Zimbabwe*), Mr. Muhammad A. MUHITH (*Bangladesh*), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda OWADE (*Kenya*), Mr. Thomas A. REPASCH, Jr. (*United States of America*) and Mr. Jun YAMADA (*Japan*).

63/412. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[12] appointed ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA and ZAMBIA as members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following one hundred and twelve Member States:[13] ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAPE VERDE, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, MALTA, MEXICO, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER,

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[10] A/63/531, para. 4.

[11] A/63/532, para. 4.

[12] A/63/403, para. 15.

[13] See also decision 63/524.

NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SURINAME, SWITZERLAND, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, THAILAND, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF), VIET NAM, YEMEN, ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE.

63/413. Appointment of members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[14] appointed ECUADOR as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

As a result, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples is composed of the following twenty-eight Member States:[15] ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, CHINA, CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DOMINICA, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, GRENADA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRAQ, MALI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TIMOR-LESTE, TUNISIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF).

63/414. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 22 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council[16] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, as well as Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, elected ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, BELARUS, BRAZIL, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CUBA, GUINEA, INDIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ITALY, KAZAKHSTAN, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, UKRAINE and URUGUAY as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, BELARUS, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CUBA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ISRAEL, ITALY, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, SENEGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, SWITZERLAND, URUGUAY and one member from Western European and other States (unfilled vacancy).

At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that an election would be held at a later date, on the basis of nominations by the Economic and Social Council, to fill the remaining five seats on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.[17]

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty Member States:[17] ARGENTINA,*** ARMENIA,*** BANGLADESH,** BELARUS,***

[14] A/63/408, para. 38.

[15] See also decision 63/526.

[16] See A/63/312; see also Economic and Social Council decision 2008/201 G.

[17] As indicated in A/63/312, there are two vacancies for members from Western European and other States whose term of office would begin on the date of election. One term would expire on 31 December 2008 and the other on 31 December 2009. Also, in its decision 2008/201 E, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of three members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

BRAZIL,*** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,*** CHINA,** COMOROS,* CUBA,*** FRANCE,* GUINEA,*** HAITI,* INDIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** ITALY,*** JAMAICA,** KAZAKHSTAN,*** KENYA,** LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,** NIGER,** NIGERIA,*** PAKISTAN,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SOUTH AFRICA,*** SPAIN,*** UKRAINE,*** URUGUAY,*** VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)* and ZIMBABWE.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2011.

63/415. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 22 December 2008, the General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 60/180 of 20 December 2005 and 63/145 of 18 December 2008, elected BENIN, CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA, THAILAND and URUGUAY as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BURUNDI, CHILE, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR and FIJI.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 63/145, the term of office of the two members of the General Assembly on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission due to expire on 22 June 2009, namely GEORGIA and JAMAICA, was extended until 31 December 2009.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4 (*a*) to (*d*) of resolution 60/180, twenty-four States have been elected and/or selected as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: BURKINA FASO, CHINA, FRANCE, MEXICO, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA selected by the Security Council;[18] ALGERIA, EL SALVADOR, GUINEA-BISSAU, LUXEMBOURG, MOROCCO, POLAND and REPUBLIC OF KOREA elected by the Economic and Social Council;[19] CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS and SWEDEN selected by and from among the top ten providers of assessed contributions to United Nations budgets and of voluntary contributions to United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including a standing peacebuilding fund;[20] and BANGLADESH, INDIA, NEPAL, NIGERIA and PAKISTAN selected by and from among the top ten providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions.[21]

As a result, beginning on 1 January 2009, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission is composed of the following thirty-one Member States: ALGERIA,*** BANGLADESH,**** BENIN,**** BURKINA FASO,** CANADA,**** CHILE,**** CHINA,* EL SALVADOR,*** FRANCE,* GEORGIA,** GERMANY,**** GUINEA-BISSAU,*** INDIA,**** JAMAICA,** JAPAN,**** LUXEMBOURG,*** MEXICO,** MOROCCO,*** NEPAL,**** NETHERLANDS,**** NIGERIA,**** PAKISTAN,**** POLAND,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SOUTH AFRICA,**** SWEDEN,**** THAILAND,**** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and URUGUAY.****

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* Permanent members of the Security Council.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010, or upon the expiration of membership in the Economic and Social Council, whichever is earlier.

**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

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[18] See A/63/799-S/2009/168.

[19] See Economic and Social Council decision 2008/201 G.

[20] See A/63/632.

[21] See A/63/631.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

63/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the sixty-third session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 2008, the General Assembly decided to authorize those subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letters dated 8 and 15 September 2008 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences,[22] namely the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Disarmament Commission, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, to meet during the main part of the sixty-third session of the Assembly.

63/502. Organization of the sixty-third session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[23] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the sixty-third session, including the decision to hold the general debate from Tuesday, 23 September to Saturday, 27 September 2008 and on Monday, 29 September 2008.

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairperson of the Second Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Thursday, 11 December 2008.

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 15 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the sixty-third session of the Assembly from Tuesday, 16 December 2008 to Monday, 22 December 2008.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, decided to extend the work of the Committee until Monday, 22 December 2008.

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 22 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the sixty-third session of the Assembly from Monday, 22 December 2008 to Tuesday, 23 December 2008.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, decided to further extend the work of the Committee until Tuesday, 23 December 2008.

63/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[24] adopted the agenda[25] and the allocation of agenda items[26] for the sixty-third session.

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[22] A/63/352 and Add.1.

[23] A/63/250 and Corr.1, paras. 3–43.

[24] Ibid., paras. 64–76.

[25] A/63/251.

[26] A/63/252.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[27] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

At its 20th plenary meeting, on 6 October 2008, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[28] having waived the relevant provisions of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session an additional item entitled "Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 30 October 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[29] decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session an additional item entitled "Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority", under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[30] decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session an additional item entitled "Granting of observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[31] decided to consider in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee agenda item 58 entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council", on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present draft resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report. Taking into account that recommendation, the Assembly would consider in plenary meeting the annual report of the Human Rights Council on its activities. It was also understood that the current arrangement was in no way a reinterpretation of Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly.

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly decided to consider directly in plenary meeting agenda item 48 entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference", under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences). The Assembly also decided to proceed immediately to its consideration in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.[32]

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[27] A/63/250 and Corr.1, para. 52.

[28] See A/63/232.

[29] A/63/250/Add.1, para. 1.

[30] Ibid., para. 2.

[31] Ibid., para. 3.

[32] A/63/L.57.

63/504. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 21st plenary meeting, on 6 October 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[33]

63/505. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 13 October 2008, the General Assembly took note of the thirteenth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[34]

63/506. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 13 October 2008, the General Assembly took note of the fifteenth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[35]

63/507. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 27 October 2008, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session.

63/508. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 30 October 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[36]

63/514. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[37]

63/515. Report of the Security Council

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[38]

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[33] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/63/1).

[34] See A/63/209-S/2008/514.

[35] See A/63/210-S/2008/515.

[36] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/63/4).

[37] A/63/300.

[38] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/63/2).

63/552. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its sixty-third session:

Item 9. Report of the Security Council

Item 12. Prevention of armed conflict

Item 13. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development

Item 14. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic

Item 15. The situation in the Middle East

Item 16. Question of Palestine

Item 18. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Item 21. Question of Cyprus

Item 22. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 23. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Item 24. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 25. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

Item 26. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

Item 31. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 40. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 41. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

Item 44. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Item 45. Culture of peace

Item 48. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference

Item 49. Sustainable development:

(*d*) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Item 57. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

Item 59. Holocaust remembrance

Item 71. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law

Item 79. The rule of law at the national and international levels

Item 89. General and complete disarmament

Item 99. Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 100. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Item 103. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

(*c*) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

Item 104. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(*a*) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

(*c*) Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council

Item 105. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(*d*) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

(*g*) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

(*h*) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

(*i*) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

(*j*) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

(*k*) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal

(*l*) Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Item 106. Admission of new Members to the United Nations

Item 107. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Item 110. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 111. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 112. Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 113. Multilingualism

Item 114. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(*a*) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union

(*h*) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

(*p*) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

(*q*) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

(*u*) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Item 115. Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme

Item 116. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 117. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 118. Programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

Item 119. Programme planning

Item 120. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 121. Pattern of conferences

Item 122. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 123. Human resources management

Item 124. Joint Inspection Unit

Item 125. United Nations common system

Item 126. United Nations pension system

Item 127. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 128. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 129. Administration of justice at the United Nations

Item 130. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 131. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 132. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 133. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

Item 134. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Item 135. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 136. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 137. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 138. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Item 139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 140. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 141. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Item 142. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 143. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Item 144. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 145. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Item 147. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 148. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Item 149. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Item 152. Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly

Item 154. Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

63/516. Reduction of military budgets

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[39]

63/517. Maintenance of international security – good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[40] recalling its resolution 61/53 of 6 December 2006, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Maintenance of international security – good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe".

63/518. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[41] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament".

63/519. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[42] recalling its resolution 62/29 of 5 December 2007 and its decision 62/552 of 11 September 2008, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament".

63/520. United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[42] decided, by a recorded vote of 130 to 3, with

[39] A/63/381.

[40] A/63/383, para. 7.

[41] A/63/384, para. 7.

[42] A/63/389, para. 87.

46 abstentions,[43] to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

63/521. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2009

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[44] approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2009.[45]

63/522. Programme planning (First Committee)

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[46]

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

63/523. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[47]

63/524. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[48]

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[43] The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

[44] A/63/397, para. 5.

[45] Ibid., annex.

[46] A/63/446.

[47] A/63/402.

[48] A/63/403, para. 15.

decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from one hundred and ten to one hundred and twelve.[49]

63/525. Question of Gibraltar

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[50] recalling its decision 62/523 of 17 December 2007 and the statements agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Brussels, on 27 November 1984,[51] and in Madrid, on 27 October 2004, and noting the establishment, pursuant to the latter, of the tripartite Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar, separate from the Brussels Process, under the statement made jointly by the Governments of Spain, the United Kingdom and Gibraltar on 16 December 2004:

(*a*) Urged both Governments, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar, to reach, in the spirit of the statement of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

(*b*) Welcomed the ongoing successful implementation of the first package of measures concluded at the tripartite Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar and the shared will to reach new agreements by July 2009.

63/526. Increase in the membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[50] decided to increase the membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples from twenty-seven to twenty-eight.[52]

63/527. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[53] approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly, as contained in the report of the Committee.[54]

63/528. Programme planning (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee))

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[55]

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[49] See also decision 63/412.

[50] A/63/408, para. 38.

[51] A/39/732, annex.

[52] See also decision 63/413.

[53] A/63/409, para. 5.

[54] Ibid., annex.

[55] A/63/449.

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

63/509. Arrangements and organization of work of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November–2 December 2008)

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] noting the provisions contained in the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,[57] decided that the arrangements and organization of work of the Follow-up International Conference would be as set out in the note by the Secretary-General.

63/510. Provisional rules of procedure for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November–2 December 2008)

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] noting the provisions contained in the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,[57] decided to recommend for adoption by the Follow-up International Conference the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Provisional rules of procedure for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

[*The provisional rules of procedure have been reproduced in document A/CONF.212/2.*]

63/511. Provisional agenda for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November–2 December 2008)

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] noting the provisions contained in the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,[57] decided to recommend for adoption by the Follow-up International Conference the provisional agenda for the Conference set out in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Provisional agenda for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.

[56] A/63/413 (Part I) and Corr.1, para. 29.

[57] A/63/345.

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

5. Election of officers other than the President.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee.

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:

   (*a*) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee;

   (*b*) Report of the Credentials Committee.

8. General debate on financing for development:

   (*a*) General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues;

   (*b*) Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference.

9. Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development", focusing on the following six major thematic areas:

   (*a*) Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development (round table 1);

   (*b*) Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows (round table 2);

   (*c*) International trade as an engine for development (round table 3);

   (*d*) Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development (round table 4);

   (*e*) External debt (round table 5);

   (*f*) Addressing systemic issues: enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development (round table 6).

10. Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference.

11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

63/512. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November–2 December 2008)

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] referring to the letter dated 31 October 2008 from the President of the Assembly at its sixty-third session to the Chairperson of the Second Committee,[58] decided to accredit the following intergovernmental organizations to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus:

1. Global Digital Solidarity Fund

2. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

3. UNITAID

[58] A/C.2/63/5.

63/513. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November–2 December 2008)

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[56] referring to the letter dated 31 October 2008 from the President of the Assembly at its sixty-third session to the Chairperson of the Second Committee,[58] decided to accredit the following non-governmental organizations to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus:

1. Alliance for African Women Initiative, Ghana
2. Asociación Latinoamericana de Organizaciones de Promoción al Desarrollo
3. Association femmes et actions pour le développement
4. Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement
5. Centre for Rights and Development
6. Civil Power Africa
7. Dennis-MMEK International Care
8. Development Wheel
9. Equit Institute
10. European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
11. Evangelical Lutheran Mission Leipzig
12. Foundation for Widows and Less Privileged
13. Freedom from Debt Coalition
14. GGS Institute of Information Communication Technology, India
15. Global Call to Action against Poverty, Liberia
16. Global Network for Environment and Economic Development Research
17. Groupe d'action "Qui veut peut"
18. Hope Worldwide, Pakistan
19. IBON Foundation
20. International Foundation for African Children
21. Job Creation Trust
22. Jonction
23. Jubilee South
24. La Colombe
25. LDC Watch
26. Magnificat Environment Association
27. Manav Kalyan Pratisthan
28. Médecins du Monde
29. Network for Women's Rights in Ghana
30. Pakistan Community Peace Foundation
31. Polli Dustha Kallyan Shangstha
32. Population Action International
33. Reality of Aid Network
34. Resource Center for Environment and Sustainable Development Organisation
35. Seeds for African Relief Agency
36. Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción

37. Slums Information Development and Resource Centres
38. Solidar
39. Stamp Out Poverty
40. TB Alert
41. United Nations Youth Association of Cameroon
42. Unzila Memorial Welfare Organization
43. VENRO
44. Voices for Interactive Choice and Empowerment
45. Women and Memory Forum
46. Youth Partnership for Peace and Development, Sierra Leone

63/539. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[59]

63/540. Globalization and interdependence

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[60]

63/541. Culture and development

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[61]

63/542. Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[62] took note of the report of the Secretary-General.[63]

63/543. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[64]

63/544. Eradication of poverty and other development issues

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[65]

63/545. Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[66] approved the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly as set out below:

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[59] A/63/412.

[60] A/63/416.

[61] A/63/416/Add.3.

[62] A/63/416/Add.5, para. 3.

[63] A/63/256.

[64] A/63/417.

[65] A/63/418.

[66] A/63/420, para. 6.

Item 1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Item 2. Information and communication technologies for development

Item 3. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(*a*) International trade and development

(*b*) International financial system and development

(*c*) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

(*d*) Commodities

Item 4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference

Item 5. Sustainable development:

(*a*) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(*b*) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(*c*) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(*d*) Protection of global climate for present and future generations

(*e*) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(*f*) Convention on Biological Diversity

(*g*) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fifth session

(*h*) Sustainable mountain development

(*i*) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Item 7. Globalization and interdependence:

(*a*) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(*b*) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(*c*) Science and technology for development

Item 8. Groups of countries in special situations:

(*a*) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(*b*) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of

Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Item 9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(*a*) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017)

(*b*) Women in development

(*c*) Human resources development

Item 10. Operational activities for development:

(*a*) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(*b*) South-South cooperation for development

Item 11. Towards global partnerships

63/546. Programme planning (Second Committee)

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[67]

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

63/532. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of the rights of children

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[68] took note of the note by the Secretariat on the promotion and protection of the rights of children.[69]

63/533. Status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[70] took note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.[71]

63/534. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[72] took note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights":

[67] A/63/447.

[68] A/63/426, para. 19.

[69] A/63/203.

[70] A/63/427, para. 11.

[71] A/63/166.

[72] A/63/430, para. 5.

Under sub-item (*a*):

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their twentieth meeting.[73]

Under sub-item (*b*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights;[74]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants;[75]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;[76]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;[77]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his Special Representative on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises;[78]

(*f*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;[79]

(*g*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty;[80]

(*h*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context;[81]

(*i*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his Representative on the human rights of internally displaced persons;[82]

(*j*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;[83]

(*k*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights;[84]

(*l*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;[85]

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[73] A/63/280.
[74] A/63/259.
[75] A/63/287.
[76] A/63/223.
[77] A/63/263.
[78] A/63/270.
[79] A/63/271.
[80] A/63/274.
[81] A/63/275.
[82] A/63/286.
[83] A/63/288.
[84] A/63/289.
[85] A/63/290.

(*m*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;[86]

(*n*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;[87]

(*o*) Note by the Secretary-General on the work of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee relating to the right to development.[88]

Under sub-item (*c*):

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.[89]

Under sub-item (*d*):

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[90]

63/535. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[91]

63/536. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[92] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism[93] and the report of the Secretary-General on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons.[94]

63/537. Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[95] approved the programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-fourth session as set out below:

Item 1. Social development:

(*a*) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

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[86] A/63/292.

[87] A/63/313.

[88] A/63/318.

[89] A/63/326.

[90] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/63/36).

[91] A/63/430/Add.4.

[92] A/63/431, para. 27.

[93] A/63/89.

[94] A/63/90.

[95] A/63/433, para. 7.

(*b*) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(*c*) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 3. International drug control

Item 4. Advancement of women:

(*a*) Advancement of women

(*b*) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Item 5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(*a*) Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(*b*) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Item 6. Indigenous issues:

(*a*) Indigenous issues

(*b*) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 7. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:

(*a*) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

(*b*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 11. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

63/538. Programme planning (Third Committee)

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 18 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[96] having considered programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010–2011[97] and the relevant chapter of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-eighth session,[98] approved,

[96] A/63/434, para. 23.

[97] A/63/6 (Prog. 19).

[98] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/63/16), chap. II.

by a recorded vote of 175 to 3, with 2 abstentions,[99] programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010–2011, as contained in the annex hereto.

Annex

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010–2011

Part two: biennial programme plan

Programme 19. Human rights

[*For the text of programme 19 as approved by the present decision, see the* Strategic framework for the period 2010–2011 *(A/63/6/Rev.1).*]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

63/547. Budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[100] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system.[101]

63/548. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[102] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships.[103]

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[99] The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, Marshall Islands, United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Canada.

[100] A/63/612, para. 6.

[101] A/63/185.

[102] A/63/648/Add.4, para. 45.

[103] A/63/257.

63/549. Rental of office space in the Secretariat by the Group of 77 and China

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[102] recalling its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 56/253 of 24 December 2001 concerning the arrangements for rental charges for the Office of the Group of 77 and China located at United Nations Headquarters:

(*a*) Decided to establish, effective 1 January 2009, a rental charge in the amount of 6 United States dollars per square foot per annum for the office space occupied by the Office of the Group of 77 and China at United Nations Headquarters, which included the provision of furniture and photocopying machine;

(*b*) Recognized the receivables associated with the rental obligations of the Group of 77 and China for the office space occupied by the Group at United Nations Headquarters, and decided that, as an exceptional measure, the outstanding receivables as at 31 December 2008 should be written off;

(*c*) Emphasized the need for all United Nations tenants to pay their rents on time, in full and without conditions;

(*d*) Also emphasized that in the future, the Secretary-General, as Chief Administrative Officer, should handle rental issues with individual tenants in accordance with existing procedures, without recourse to the General Assembly.

63/550. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[104] decided to defer until the resumed part of its sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 117
Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on the accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework[105]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of results-based management at the United Nations[106]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process[107]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on results-based management in the United Nations in the context of the reform process[108]

Item 118
Programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

Report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration[109]

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[104] A/63/649, para. 9.

[105] A/62/701 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[106] A/63/268.

[107] A/61/805.

[108] A/62/704.

[109] A/63/320.

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[110]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a common payroll for United Nations system organizations[111]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a common payroll for United Nations system organizations[112]

Item 122
Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Reports of the Committee on Contributions[113]

Reports of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans[114]

63/551. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 24 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 63/3 of 8 October 2008.[115]

7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

63/529. Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 11 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[116] noted that the Committee had decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, as proposed by the Bureau:

Provisional programme of work

5 October	Organization of work of the Sixth Committee
5 and 23 October	Administration of justice at the United Nations
6, 7 and 23 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
8 and 23 October	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission
12 October	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-second session

[110] A/63/568.

[111] A/60/582.

[112] A/60/582/Add.1.

[113] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/62/11); and ibid., *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/63/11).

[114] A/62/70 and A/63/68.

[115] A/63/654.

[116] A/63/445, para. 7.

14 October	The rule of law at the national and international levels
19 and 20 October	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
26 October–4 November	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-first session
4 November	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
12 November	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
	Programme planning
	Election of the officers of the Main Committees
9, 12, 15, 16 and 21 October and 5 November	Reserved

63/530. Programme planning (Sixth Committee)

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 11 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee.[117]

63/531. Administration of justice at the United Nations

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 11 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[118] decided that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, established pursuant to Assembly decision 62/519 of 6 December 2007, would continue work on the outstanding legal aspects of the item, taking into account the results of the deliberations of the Fifth and Sixth Committees on the item, previous decisions of the Assembly and any further decisions that the Assembly may take during its sixty-third session prior to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee would meet from 20 to 24 April 2009 and would report on its work to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session. The Assembly also decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations".

[117] A/63/450.

[118] A/63/451, para. 11.

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